

HOUSE BILL 891

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 1, relative to the use of opioid antagonists
for drug-related overdoses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-152(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() "Agency" means an entity providing addiction treatment services or residential housing services for persons in recovery.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-152(b), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) An agency.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-152(h), is amended by deleting "overdose is" and substituting "overdose, or an agency, is".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-152(i), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(i) The commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee, shall make available recommendations for training of first responders, as defined in § 29-34-203, and agency employees in the appropriate use of opioid antagonists. The recommendations must include a provision to agency employees and first responders concerning the appropriate supply of opioid antagonists to administer consistent with the requirements of this section.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-152, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(k) An agency may purchase and possess an opioid antagonist for purposes of this section and distribute the opioid antagonist to an employee who has been trained in the administration of the opioid antagonist for the purposes of this section.

(l) An agency employee may possess an opioid antagonist and may administer the opioid antagonist to an individual if:

(1) The agency employee has been trained in the proper administration of the opioid antagonist; and

(2) The agency employee has reason to believe that an individual is experiencing an opioid-related drug overdose.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.